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SUBJECT: PENDING: CIAT MEETING WITH "ESPACE PRESIDENTIAL"
AND NOVEMBER UNSC VISIT TO KINSHASA

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1. (C) Summary: The International Committee to Accompany the Transition (CIAT) met October 4 to prepare for a pending and unprecedented meeting with the President, Vice Presidents and other senior officials to review the transition road map and discuss military integration and election-related legislation. This meeting will also pave the way for a UNSC mission to Kinshasa expected in November. End summary.

2. (C) The 18 members of the International Committee to Accompany the Transition (CIAT) met the morning of October 4 to prepare for a meeting expected in the near future with President Kabila, all four Vice Presidents, the leaders of the National Assembly and Senate, and the heads of five civilian "institutions to support democracy" (Independent Electoral Commission, High Media Authority, Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Ethics and Anti-Corruption Commission, Human Rights Commission). A meeting of this nature has long been requested by the CIAT as an appropriate forum for the CIAT to discuss major issues with the most senior representatives of all rival components participating in the transition government. Given the mutual mistrust existing among the various leaders and groups, however, it has been difficult to arrange. The projected meeting will therefore set a precedent.

3. (C) The CIAT decided that the major items to be proposed for the agenda will be questions related to army integration and related questions of demobilization, and the legislative status of specific important bills needed to proceed with election planning. Two lists of "indicated questions" on these topics are to be submitted as early as tomorrow, October 4, to the GDRC members expected to participate in the meeting to guide discussions. Both lists of questions are based in the overall transition "road map" plan guiding the transition. The CIAT also reviewed and concurred with the latest revision of the road map, and a copy of that document is also to be submitted to the GDRC officials in advance of the meeting. (Note: Septel to cover the road map).

4. (C) CIAT members were divided as to whether to press during this initial meeting for regularly scheduled future meetings with the "Espace Presidentiel." After some discussion, it was decided that it would be better for now simply to note that the meeting will be useful as groundwork for a UNSC visit to Kinshasa which is being planned for the latter half of November. It is envisaged that some similar broad and senior-level meeting would be appropriate for the visiting UNSC members next month.

5. (C) Comment: The planned meeting will address at least in part concerns expressed by various observers, reportedly including during discussions held at the recent senior-level CIAT member meeting in New York, regarding an institutional interlocutor for the CIAT. It is unlikely nonetheless to be a comfortable meeting, with the four Vice Presidents, for example, deeply mistrustful of each other and largely of President Kabila. It is all the more reason to get difficult topics like military integration on the table with all the former belligerents in the same room. The reported planned UNSC mission could be a very positive move to help spur further positive movement in Kinshasa. November, however, is shaping up to be a busy month, with a Consultative Group meeting planned for November 11 - 13, a francophonie summit in Burkina Faso November 19, and an IMF review mission during the month. End comment.

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